NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

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Volunteer Request and Staff Invitation

CAJUN AND ZYDECO MUSIC FEST

Saturday, July 20
7:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

All staff members are invited to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Southern Louisiana at The Cajun and Zydeco Music Fest hosted by the Education and Membership departments. Alphonse "Bois Sec" (Dry Wood) Ardoin, one of the legendary Creole performers, along with his son and grandsons, will grace the stage with the rich, energetic music he has played for more than 70 years. Bois Sec has been honored with the National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Award and has played Carnegie Hall. Also performing will be "The Chicago Cajun Aces" a premier local band who will perform Cajun music in both french and english. Stanley Field Hall will be transformed into a Louisiana dance hall. Dance lessons, Southern Louisiana cuisine and spirits will be part of the evening.

We would like to recruit sixteen (16) volunteers who will work a two hour shift and pay no admission fee. Otherwise, tickets for staff members and their guests are $10 each. Hope to see you there! Call x453 if you have any questions.

- Susan Webb

Join Now! Ask Me How!

See if you can pick the true statement of these three:

1. Aliens are buried under the new Lake Shore Drive Lanes.
2. Spiderman is really Liz Taylor in Spandex.
3. Birds are destroying the Field Museum roof.

Right! #3 is true and is reason #14 to give a donation to the Staff/Volunteer Campaign. ***Fourteen percent of the staff has already contributed over $23,000.*** Call x881, x210 or x246 for details. Thanks!

- Paul Baker

Welcome!

The Visitor Services Department welcomes **Annie Crawley** as their new supervisor. A Chicago native, Annie graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign and then traveled and worked abroad -- Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Bali. If you need to find Annie, try the **Pacific** exhibit or the Maori Meeting House, two places in the Museum where she feels at home already.

- Anita Purnell

PRAYER & PEACE & POWHIRI

The local Native American community commemorated Prayer and Peace Day, June 21, with a gathering in the Pawnee Earth Lodge. Hosted by **Mary Ann Bloom** (Education), participants included members of the American Indian Center, Native American Cultural Center, ANAWIM, American Indian Economic Development Association, and Native American Education Services.

On June 29, a Maori powhiri (welcome ceremony) at Ruatepupuke, the Maori House, was held in honor of Maori visitor Donna Beatson. Ms. Beatson is a faculty member at the New Zealand Broadcasting school and ahs won an award for a radio documentary on Ruatepupuke. Mary Ann Bloom, Maori House volunteers, and a group of Maori and Pakeha from Springfield, Illinois hosted a diner and overnight in the Maori House for Donna Beatson. The visit of Maori to Ruatepupuke is very meaningful because their presence helps keep the ancestors of the house warm.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

Registrar **Janice Klein** (Anthropology) was interviewed by Brenda Fowler for a *New York Times* article on the Peruvian mummy discovered by Field Museum Research Associate **Johan Reinhard.**

Janice taught a segment of the Core Curriculum course on the care of ethnographic and archaeological collections at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies at Mount Carroll, Illinois focusing on collections management policies, endangered species legislation and cultural property issues, including NAGPRA.

Adjunct Curator **James Phillips** (Anthropology/UIC) has been working on our Fayum (Egypt) archaeological materials that date to the neolithic period (ca. 8000 - 3000 BC). He has discovered new artifacts previously unknown in the published literature. The Fayum materials represent the first settled agricultural groups in the region. His study of the agricultural and ritual implements will be used to augment his field research on the development of settled life.

CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS

Work has begun on Halls 6&7, the site of our new Special Exhibit Hall. Coordination of this multi-faceted project is achieved through weekly meetings of the contractors and Field Museum staffers (including Museum Affairs), chaired by **Frantz Cartright.**

Construction in the public areas over a several month period presents special challenges for staff, contractors and visitors alike. The contractors are responsible for keeping the public, especially children, out of the contruction area. Of course all children in the Museum are supposed to be supervised by

responsible adults, but it would be helpful if all staff would stay alert to possible dangers and speak to visitors who are seen intruding on the construction area. Naturally only those staff with a specific need should enter the area as well.

Contractors have been told that they are expected to abide by Field Museum policies (e.g. no smoking and courtesy to visitors and staff) while in the building. Any problems you observe should be brought to the attention of **John Mazza** (x380).

During this period when we have a lot of contractors in the building for legitimate reasons, we need to keep certain security issues in mind. They are expected to work only in those areas where they have a need to be. We do not want people without permission to wander in restricted areas, especially strangers who might use the contractors' presence as a cover for wandering. Feel free to ask strangers in restricted areas for their ID, and notify Security (x322) of any suspicious behavior.

Noise and Barricades: Expect to see some barricades outside **Spiders!** and hear some drilling noise coming from Halls 6&7.

Questions? Call **Carolyn Klyce** (x642)

VOICE MAIL MESSAGE

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If you plan on being away from the Museum, please have someone retrieve your messages. It is also helpful to re-record your greeting. Ms. Meridian will be very grateful for your help.

Questions? Call **Pat Phillips** (x216).

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

WELCOME!

Staff Members who started at the Museum in June

Bertha Alaniz	Academic Affairs	Intern	722
Sarah Bruce	Academic Affairs	Intern	467
Annie Crawley	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Supervisor	378
Courtney Donald	Admin Services	Legal Intern	882
Michael Fonte	Academic Affairs	Intern	722
Melissa Hilton	Museum Affairs	Director, Econ and Admin	434
Michael Huhndorf	Botany	MS-Science I	319
Ismial Morrar	Academic Affairs	Intern (Welcome back!)	722
Mario McHarris	Academic Affairs	Intern	722
Genevieve Nano	Academic Affairs	Intern	722
Tomisha Smith	Academic Affairs	Intern	722
Amy Varsek	Zoology/Insects	Ms-Science II	259
Gina Wesley	Academic Affairs	Intern Program Assistant	722
Kavan Yee	Academic Affairs	Intern	414

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK...

Staff Members who left the Museum in June

Dhana Boyd	Housekeeping	Housekeeper
Milagros Class	Housekeeping	Housekeeper
Caleb Donat	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator
Nancy Lomayaktewa	Academic Affairs	Intern
Levon McAllister	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator
Veronica Thompson	Security Services	Security Officer